

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JEFFERY HUGHLEY'S INDUCTION INTO THE BLACK ACHIEVERS SOCIETY OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 17, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is with immense pride that I rise today to recognize and celebrate the induction of Captain Jeffery Hughley into the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City. A distinguished police officer, non-profit board member, and Senior Advisor at the Environmental Protection Agency, it seems there is nothing that Captain Hughley cannot accomplish. He has served the Kansas City community in more ways than one and truly embodies the mission of the Black Achievers Society.

Captain Hughley started as a police officer for KCPD's Central Patrol Division in 2005 and quickly rose through the ranks. Spending his days working tirelessly to ensure a safe environment for those around him, even when that meant putting his own life at risk, Captain Hughley's exemplary record and dedication to the people of Kansas City did not go unnoticed. He served as a Detective in the Street Crimes Unit, supervised and mentored new officers as a Sergeant, and eventually achieved the rank of Captain, providing leadership and oversight to the East Patrol Division & Detention Services Unit. Throughout his career, Captain Hughley also provided protection to elected officials and local leaders, ensuring their safety during important events and gatherings. In addition to his official duties as a law enforcement officer, Captain Hughley served nearly five years as an Executive Board Member of the Kansas City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 99, fostering a strong sense of unity and comradery between officers. His service to our city has proven invaluable and we continue to express our endless gratitude.

While protecting and serving your community for over 15 years is remarkable in and of itself, Captain Hughley continues to go above and beyond the call of duty. Appointed by Governor Jay Nixon, he served as Commissioner of the Missouri Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission from 2015 until 2019. A delegation created to analyze the current training practices of law enforcement in hopes of creating better outcomes for both officers and those they serve, the Commission eventually increased continuing education programs and the training required for police officers throughout the State of Missouri. Under Captain Hughley's leadership, the Commission emphasized implicit bias training and de-escalation techniques in order to make policing more fair and just. His continued focus on uplifting the underprivileged led him to becoming a Board Member of Reconciliation Services, a non-profit organization that strategically addresses community needs through increased

social and mental health services. Guided by the Biblical command to "love thy neighbor," Captain Hughley helps address the issues facing families in the urban core through his work with Reconciliation Services.

Having already obtained a degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Arkansas Grantham, Captain Hughley felt compelled to return to school. Applying his exceptional leadership experience to his coursework, Captain Hughley received an Executive Master of Business Administration from Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri. He has used the knowledge gained from this program in his work both as a police officer and in his current position as Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency. Captain Hughley masterfully employs his extensive education, professional experience, and institutional knowledge as he continues to support and serve the Kansas City community. We are extremely lucky to have such a kind and generous soul working to make our city the best that it can be.

The Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City is an acclaimed, respected, and exclusive institution. I founded this organization in 1974 with the goal of recognizing companies that demonstrated leadership in the areas of diversity and inclusion. Today, nearly 50 years later, the Black Achievers Society's mission is to respond to the multifaceted needs of the community by providing role models for Black and minority youth. Membership in the Society is reserved for African American professionals who have been nominated for their leadership, achievements, and community involvement. Having known him personally for many years and having seen the impact his work has made in the lives of others, it was with great joy that I nominated Captain Hughley for admission into the Society. Being inducted as a member is a great honor and momentous occasion. I believe I speak for all Kansas Citians when I say that Captain Hughley is deeply deserving of this induction. I look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

Captain Hughley represents the best in all of us. His care and compassion for those with whom he serves shines through in all that he does, and it is my privilege to recognize Captain Hughley's devotion to the people of Kansas City. Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in celebrating Captain Jeffery Hughley's induction into the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City. Our neighborhoods are safer, stronger, and better places to raise families because of Captain Hughley. Let us look to Captain Hughley as an example and live as stewards of our communities, just as he has.

COMMEMORATING BRUCE CUNNINGHAM

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, from a very young age, this person for whom I stand today was into all kinds of athletic games. Not just one kind of sport but every sport and every kind of athlete. So, talking about it came naturally. He asked, why should I not make this a career?

In Baltimore there is a gritty loyalty to its sports teams and its heroes. Over the span of four decades, one man has talked about and reported on two Super Bowl champion teams, the most decorated Olympian of all time and various stars in the athletic firmament from the greater Baltimore region with a gusto unmatched or unequaled by anyone. He has made everyday people feel like they were a part of the story, and so I am pleased today to enter into the RECORD my recognition for distinguished sportscaster and storyteller, Mr. Bruce Cunningham, who has recently retired from WBFF Fox 45 TV news in Baltimore.

Many Ravens fans know only one voice as the straightforward announcer and analyst of the NFL team's home games. Michael Phelps' exploits were told true and writ large over the TV screens of viewers young and old, proud of their hometown hero bringing gold medal after gold medal home for swimming. Whether it was the Orioles after a come-from-behind win or a heartbreaking loss, or Navy football celebrating a win over Army, Bruce was sure to tell the story with imagination, spirit, and Baltimore braggadocio.

I was Sports Unlimited, on Sunday nights, that was Bruce's hallmark. Since 1991, at its inception with Fox 45 in Baltimore, Bruce has been sharing his takes on everything from MLB to the Baltimore Blast soccer team to Maryland and Johns Hopkins lacrosse. He was there for the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship the University of Maryland brought home. He saluted Coach Brenda Frese's Lady Terrapins NCAA Championship in basketball. He also talked golf, tennis and other sports like boxing and horseracing, and he was there at Pimlico for eventual Triple Crown winner, American Pharoah in 2015.

There is something intangible about sports which unites a city, and Bruce Cunningham made that part of his many broadcasts. Ranging from the intensity of Baltimore in the Ravens' Ray Lewis and the Orioles' Cal Ripken, Jr. to the lesser-known stories in Maryland like Tamir Goldman of the Talmudical Academy in Baltimore, dubbed the "Jewish Jordan" for his basketball abilities, or Helen Maroulis, the two-time bronze medal-winner in women's wrestling at the Olympics from Rockville, Bruce has covered it all with the spirit and grit of Baltimore and a love for our state of Maryland not many could match.

Now that he has decided to lead a "normal life" and "get home before midnight on Sundays" as he puts it, our city will not have that

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voice which closed off our weekends with highlights, insights, and the sports stories which not only gave us the score but let us in on so much more: a look at the athletes and a look at ourselves. I thank Bruce Cunningham for all the memories, as our grateful city and state will miss him dearly.

HONORING NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILIES LEARNING PRESIDENT SHARON DARLING ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon Darling, President and Founder of the National Center for Families Learning and former Kentucky Director of Adult and Community Education, as she begins her well-earned and much-deserved retirement after years of dedication to the advancement of education policy and family literacy.

For decades, Sharon has served as a national leader in family learning, making NCFL a go-to resource for all who are working to make adult literacy not only a priority, but a powerful tool for breaking the cycles of poverty that limit far too many families. Without her pioneering work, the very definition of family literacy that our federal government relies on to steer the policies that help countless Americans would not exist. It is not an exaggeration to say that Sharon Darling helped write the lesson plan for America's comprehensive approach to intergenerational learning, because that's exactly what she did.

Her day-to-day presence will be sorely missed by her colleagues and all whose lives she has touched, but I'm thrilled to know that Sharon is staying on to serve as an active member of NCFL's Board of Directors and will continue to support the organization in a variety of ways. Even in retirement, she will help continue the success of NCFL in the years ahead as they continue under the leadership of Dr. Felicia C. Smith.

When asked about her upcoming retirement, Sharon said, "Never did I expect my life to unfold how it has, but each day I am grateful to all those who believe in the tremendous power of multigenerational learning." On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District and all who know Sharon Darling, let me say that we are all incredibly grateful that her life unfolded as it did, and that millions of Americans—including the more than 4.5 million parents and children across the 150 communities in 39 states and Washington, D.C. served by NCFL—are all better for her life's work.

I thank Sharon for her selfless dedication to improving the lives of others through learning. I wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT—CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt of Santa Maria, California.

A longtime resident of Santa Maria, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt has been a leader on behalf of communities of color in Santa Maria and Lompoc for over two decades.

Lawanda has been the President of the Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP chapter for more than 14 years. Inspired by her early childhood experiences in segregated Mississippi before eventually moving to Santa Maria after high school, Lawanda has long served as a record-keeper for Black families in the area and organizer of community events that emphasize the importance of honoring Black history.

In her longstanding commitment to resolving racial injustice like she experienced as a child, Lawanda worked in the Santa Barbara County Public Defender's Office for over three decades. After earning her degree in criminology from Cal State Long Beach, Lawanda became an investigator for the Public Defender's Office in 1984. Eleven years later, she was named the department's Chief Investigator, making her the first African American woman in California to serve in that position. Lawanda made a career of treating people with compassion and respect, working to ensure that each defendant received their constitutional right to a good defense.

Where Lawanda sees a need, she takes action. After the murder of George Floyd, she used her position on the Santa Maria Police Department's police advisory board to call for the creation of a civilian review board to investigate officers accused of abuse and help rebuild trust between the police and community.

With the many daunting challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, her leadership has guided many in the community to safely face those challenges. In the destructive wake of COVID-19, Lawanda became a trusted source for information about the virus and the vaccine. She is a strong advocate for COVID-19 vaccination within the BIPOC community, taking the time to talk through questions and fears, helping to ease vaccine hesitancy and encourage individuals to protect themselves and those around them. She gives so much of her time, energy, and resources to serve our community.

Lawanda's openness and commitment to her community is a testament to her selflessness. She is a worthy candidate for this honor and a role model for community leaders of all kinds.

I am honored to recognize Lawanda for her continued commitment to uplifting and advocating for Black communities across the Central Coast. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Lawanda

Lyons-Pruitt, for her incredible service to her community.

HONORING DAVID McBRIDE'S SERVICE TO THE NASA ARMSTRONG FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Armstrong Flight Research Center, David McBride, on his retirement after many years of service to the scientific community.

Pursuing his passion for aeronautics research, David kicked off his career with NASA as a cooperative education student in 1982. Specializing in digital flight control systems analysis, he explored the way in which aircraft perform under an array of flight test conditions. Wanting to continue his interest in the field, David received both an undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of New Mexico, earning his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1985 and Executive Master of Business Administration in 1998.

Upon graduation, David climbed the ranks at NASA Armstrong, eventually becoming Program Manager for the Flight Research Program, as well as Deputy Center Director and Associate Director for Programs and Projects. In these roles, David was integral in the study, development, and testing of groundbreaking technologies, including the Intelligent Flight Control System, X-53 Active Aeroelastic Wing flight research project, and solar-powered Helios aircraft.

In 2010, David was appointed Director of the Armstrong Flight Research Center, formerly the Hugh L. Dryden Flight Research Center. Under his leadership, NASA Armstrong remained the premier research center for aeronautics in the United States. In fact, NASA Armstrong conducted critical flight development tests over the years, including the notable testing of the X-48B/C hybrid wing body experimental aircraft and the testing of NASA Orion's launch and abort systems. Additionally, during David's tenure as Director, NASA Armstrong's Boeing 747SP SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy) project became fully operational—a feat that has allowed our nation's foremost scientists to further our nation's scientific understanding.

Throughout his career, David has devoted himself to exploring new frontiers and building upon NASA Armstrong's proud legacy of scientific discovery. Though he will be greatly missed at the Armstrong Flight Research Center, I am confident David will continue to be a force in the world of scientific development. On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I would like to thank David for his service to our community, and I wish him and his family the very best as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING REV. PATRICK O.
LINDSEY

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Greater Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church upon the 30th Anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Patrick Oliver Lindsey, and the First Lady of the Church, Kathy Lindsey. Pastor Lindsey, the fourth of eight children born to John, Sr. (deceased), and Ida Lindsey, lived on the eastside of Detroit, MI, and were educated in Detroit and Highland Park Public School systems. Rev. Lindsey furthered his education at the University of Michigan and graduated in 1981 with a BA in Political Science. Throughout his professional career, Rev. Lindsey furthered his studies at various institutions, including the Center for Corporate Citizenship at Boston College, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and DaimlerChrysler Corporate University in Lautenbach, Germany, and the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

After marrying the former Kathy Sanders of Brownsville, TN, in April 1992, the couple was blessed with two wonderful children: a son named Kendall, a 2018 graduate of the University of Michigan, and a daughter named Kaylyn, a 2021 graduate of Wayne State University. This year, Rev. Lindsey and his wife celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss.

Rev. Lindsey made a firm commitment to the church in December 1983, and he began a life of faithful service at the Samaritan Missionary Baptist Church, where his family has worshipped since 1952. Under the stellar leadership of the late Pastor Robert E. Starghill, Sr., Rev. Lindsey was ordained as a deacon in March 1984 and served in a variety of leadership and service roles, including financial clerk, board secretary, Bible teacher, van ministry, Pastor's Chorus, and Men's group president.

In June 1992, Rev. Lindsey served as Pastor of the Greater Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. During his tenure, Rev. Lindsey has diligently cultivated the congregation's spiritual growth and development and prioritizes expository preaching, sound biblical teaching, and the practical application of scriptural principles. With the assistance of faithful deacons and trustees, Pastor Lindsey oversees the church's pastoral and business administration. For thirty years, Rev. Lindsey has faithfully performed the clerical duties of "feeding and tending the flock," including teaching and preaching the Word, christening newborns, baptizing new believers, providing spiritual counsel to individuals and couples, comforting the bereaved, visiting sick and infirmed members, and aiding congregants in times of need.

Under Pastor Lindsey's leadership, the church re-launched its weekly Bible studies and prayer ministries and established new ministries for men, women, and youth. He requires that all church ministries have evangelism as a core mission. Rev. Lindsey founded the Rev. CJ Henderson Memorial Scholarship to provide students with financial support

in pursuing higher education. Pastor Lindsey spearheaded Phase 1 of the church's building project—a complete renovation of the existing facilities. With plans for Phase 2 to include expanded worship and education facilities.

Rev. Lindsey's passions extend beyond his pastoral duties, as Rev. Lindsey also serves as Vice President, Government and Community Affairs at Wayne State University in Detroit. In this position, he oversees the federal and state affairs offices, which support the University's goals and strategic plan by working with federal, state, and local elected officials to ensure adequate funding for the institution. He also is responsible for the community affairs office, which actively engages the University in the Greater Detroit community by building partnerships with the diverse ethnic and cultural organizations to make deep and sustained impacts.

Before joining WSU in 2012, Rev. Lindsey was Director of External Affairs & Development for Focus: HOPE and enjoyed a 20-year career at Chrysler as Manager of Community Relations and Senior Manager of State Relations.

I am genuinely amazed by Rev. Lindsey's extended capacity for a true impact on the community, evident in his various leadership roles, organizational affiliations, and volunteer activities. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Urban League, board member and past Board Chair of the Urban League of Detroit and Southeast Michigan, Vice Moderator of the Pleasant Grove Baptist District Association, board member and Secretary of Detroit Community Health Connection, board and executive committee member of the Eastside Community Network, member of the committee advisory committee of Meridian Health, and board member and nomination committee chair of the Detroit Public Schools Foundation. He has also served in other organizations, including the City of Detroit Workforce Development Board, Black Family Development, Inc., Mack Alive, Wayne State University Human Investigation Committee, and the Eight Mile Boulevard Association, to name a few. He is a proud member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and a life member of the Detroit Branch NAACP and the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

I congratulate Rev., and First Lady Lindsey, on three decades of service to all.

CELEBRATING MR. JAY B.
DILLINGHAM'S LASTING LEGACY
IN THE GREATER KANSAS CITY
AREA

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

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Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to rise on behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, Kansas City, Missouri, and more specifically the Northland, to celebrate the lasting legacy of Jay B. Dillingham. A true local icon, one cannot tell the story of Kansas City without telling the story of Mr. Dillingham. Born on March 8, 1910, Mr. Dillingham served the Greater Kan-

sas City area and the States of Missouri and Kansas until his passing on August 13, 2007.

In 1935, Mr. Dillingham received his master's degree from the Kansas City School of Law, which would later become the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Nevertheless, soon after graduating, he was recruited to work at the Kansas City Stockyards and never practiced law. From 1948 through 1975, Mr. Dillingham served as president of the stockyards, one of Kansas City's greatest industries, where thousands of cattle, pigs, sheep, horses, and mules were auctioned in the West Bottoms each year. As president of the famed Kansas City Stockyards, a role he took on while only 38 years old, Mr. Dillingham helped turn the American Royal Livestock Show into a national institution. He once said about the stockyards: "There's nothing around here I haven't done . . . from shoveling manure to cleaning the sewers." In 1949, Mr. Dillingham founded the Golden Ox Steakhouse in the Kansas City Livestock Exchange Building, making it the city's oldest steakhouse and the birthplace of the Kansas City strip.

As part of his family's farming activities, Mr. Dillingham worked on 2,500 acres of beautiful Missouri River bottomland. He was also deeply engaged in developing lakes in the Kansas River basin along with Clay County's Smithville Lake. Following the Great Flood of 1951, he oversaw the cleanup and assisted in getting the town back to work. He was a member of the Missouri State Water Resource Board and assisted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the construction of massive reservoirs throughout Missouri and Kansas. In Genesis 2:15, one of the first things God asked of us was to be good stewards of the land: "The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it." It is indisputable that Mr. Dillingham was a great steward of the land and gave most of his time on this earth looking after it.

Mr. Dillingham was the only person to ever serve as president of the Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas Chambers of Commerce. It's because of Mr. Dillingham's impactful work and public service that Governor Joe Teasdale and Governor Kit Bond appointed him as Chairman of the Missouri Department of Transportation's Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission from 1978 to 1983. It was in this position that he would be given the nickname of "Father of I-435". Interstate 670, running through both Missouri and Kansas, carries his name today. Indeed, Mr. Dillingham was a driving force behind Kansas City's growth, including the decision to locate the Kansas City International Airport in the Northland.

Mr. Dillingham, in addition to being a successful businessman and public servant, was also a generous philanthropist who donated land from the stockyards for worthy causes like the American Royal and the construction of Kemper Arena, now known as the Hy-Vee Arena. Many universities and organizations across Missouri and Kansas also bear awards in his name due to his astounding leadership.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Jay B. Dillingham. Though he may be gone, his impacts on agriculture and infrastructure will not be forgotten.

CELEBRATING CHIEF TINA R. WATKINS OF THE PETERSBURG DEPARTMENT OF FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to celebrate the hiring of Chief Tina R. Watkins, who is the first female, and first African-American fire chief of Petersburg Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services in its nearly 250-year history. Chief Watkins brings years of experience in fire administration and field operations and is primed to succeed in this role.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, Chief Watkins grew up in a middle-class family where she was raised by hard working parents. Her mother was an educator, and father was a postal worker and Korean War veteran. They encouraged Chief Watkins and her three brothers to go out and experience their dreams. Inspired by her parents, Chief Watkins chose a path of service in her own life.

Chief Watkins holds impressive educational credentials. She earned a Master's degree in Leadership with an emphasis in Emergency Management and Executive Fire Leadership, along with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Safety and Business Administration. She holds many professional certifications through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Fire Academy, and the Virginia State Fire Program, including those in fire prevention, hazardous materials, national fire services staff and command, and emergency planning and effective communications. This education has served Chief Watkins throughout her career, and will surely continue to inform her work in Petersburg.

Chief Watkins has proven her dedication to service and her community. After graduation she served our nation as a member of the United States Coast Guard. Following her Coast Guard service, Chief Watkins began her fire service career in 1988 when she was recruited and hired by the Richmond Fire and Emergency Services as a fire fighter. She was promoted through the ranks to become Richmond Fire and Emergency Services first female lieutenant, captain, and chief officer. She spent 11 years as a Battalion Chief for Richmond Fire and Emergency Services where she supervised five stations and six fire companies. Chief Watkins has a demonstrated track record serving in leadership roles with Richmond Fire and Emergency Services, leaving a legacy of improving processes and policies, making the department more efficient.

Now Chief Watkins has the distinction of not only becoming Petersburg's first African American Fire Chief, but also first woman to lead a fire department in the Commonwealth. I am confident that under her leadership the Petersburg Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services will continue to provide exceptional service to our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Chief Tina R. Watkins for her service to her Nation, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF GRAND PARKLET

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the hard work and vision of Detroit's Grandmont Rosedale community and organizations who have made the dedication and grand opening of Grand Parklet possible.

Grand Parklet is the culmination of a transformative public roads project that created a community green space from what was once a vacant corner. But this park is not a typical beautification project. Grand Parklet creates a walkable route that connects residents to neighborhoods and local businesses, a welcome addition to this thriving neighborhood. Beyond connecting the community, Grand Parklet will serve as a space to gather for events and conversation for all to enjoy.

Please join me in thankful recognition of Grandmont Rosedale Community Development Corporation and the people of Rosedale Park, North Rosedale Park, Minock Park, Grandmont, and Grandmont 1 who made Grand Parklet possible.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARK W. HEMENWAY

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 17, 2022

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Mark W. Hemenway, who passed away on May 8, 2022.

Mark graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1973. He was intensely focused on his studies and training, while also maintaining perspective and serving as a steady, positive influence on his classmates. He worked his way through a challenging system with confidence and calmness, never losing sight of his priorities. His commitment to academic excellence was apparent to all, and he graduated 61st in a class of over 950 cadets.

Mark received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers upon his graduation and spent seven years as an active-duty service member. After leaving the Army in 1980, Mark worked for a large manufacturing company before joining a consulting firm outside Boston, Massachusetts, conducting logistics, manpower, and training analysis for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Later in life, Mark felt called to enter Seminary and obtain a Master of Divinity degree. He and his wife, Kate, met as volunteers while doing street ministry in Boston Common, and in subsequent decades, Mark worked as a volunteer with those most in need at state prisons, county correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and other institutions in the Lowell, Massachusetts area. His contributions will long be remembered by his brothers and sisters at the Salvation Army Lowell Corps Community Center, and by the many people he served throughout the community.

Mark's legacy is best encapsulated by a passage from the United States Military Academy Alma Mater, which reads: "And when our work is done, our course on earth is run, may it be said, 'well done.' Be thou at peace."

HONORING MELVIN MILES, JR.

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, music is not just a passion, but a life's calling for some. Mr. Melvin Miles, Jr. is without question a man who has walked this life listening to and answering the call of the art of music. From his matriculation at Morgan State University in the early 1970s, Melvin Miles, Jr. was fascinated by all kinds of music and musicians. Over the span of the better part of five decades, Mr. Miles has been recognized by many as an exceptional cornetist, trumpeter, and band leader.

Since 1973, Melvin has honed his unmatched musical admiration and talent to serve as a faculty member at Morgan State University where he has taught and mentored students and marching bands alike. In this chapter of his life, he has committed himself to the mission of leading young people on the path to higher learning and mastering an instrument with purpose.

Madame Speaker, I am pleased today to enter into the RECORD my recognition for a musician, friend, and teacher extraordinaire, Melvin Miles, Jr., who is retiring from Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Melvin first attended Frederick Douglass High School before entering Morgan State University and receiving Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in Music Education. He then furthered his art by attending The Catholic University of America for doctoral studies, again in Music Education. While these institutions and college experiences fine-tuned his technique and craft, they also taught him that nothing compared to music in terms of uniting a university.

Upon starting with Morgan State's faculty, Mr. Miles made sure to make music a part of every student's college experience. The Symphonic Winds, Jazz Ensemble, and the Concert Band brought endless hours of joy to students, alumni, and attendees of all walks of life.

As a teacher, Melvin has been known to demand excellence from those he mentored. Still, he maintained a sense of humor that made it nearly impossible to not smile when you were around him. Melvin Miles' blend of serious and lighthearted mentorship was a winning formula that carried his marching bands to the highest of heights. This included him guiding his 2019 marching band through the immense pressure of performing in the renowned Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. Even with the many eyes and ears that have been fixed on his bands over the span of his career, Melvin has never diverged from the down-to-earth man he is. Ultimately, it is his purely genuine persona paired with his accolades that has caused Melvin's unmistakable popularity to endure.

Melvin's love for music, Morgan State, and Maryland is truly unmatched. I thank Melvin

for his friendship and leadership over all these many years and thank him as well for all the memories he has given to the university, the Historically Black College or University community, and the thousands of alumni who will miss him dearly. I have been lucky enough to personally call Melvin a friend for the past forty-two years. On behalf of all who know him or have heard his sound, we are all grateful that Melvin has given the world his song.